

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0036] (as denoted in the published application), with the following new paragraph [0036]:

[0036] The term "treatment" or "treating" and the like are used herein to generally mean obtaining a desired pharmacological and/or physiological effect. The effect may be ~~prophylactic in terms of completely or partially preventing a disease or symptom thereof~~ and/or may be therapeutic in terms of a partial or complete cure for a disease and/or adverse effects attributable to the disease. Thus, for example, it may indicate that (1) any symptoms of disorders associated with or caused by the conversion PrP^C into PrP^{Sc} or the consequent aggregation of prion proteins are reduced or alleviated by administration of the agents according to the present invention; or (2) PrP^{Sc} is converted into PrP^C by administration of the agents according to the present invention.